

**TITLE 15.1  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 15.1-01  
STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION**

**15.1-01-01. State board of public school education - Composition.**

1. The state board of public school education consists of the superintendent of public instruction and:
  - a. An individual representing Barnes, Cass, Grand Forks, Griggs, Nelson, Steele, and Traill Counties;
  - b. An individual representing Benson, Bottineau, Cavalier, McHenry, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Renville, Rolette, Towner, and Walsh Counties;
  - c. An individual representing Dickey, Emmons, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Ransom, Richland, and Sargent Counties;
  - d. An individual representing Burleigh, Eddy, Foster, Kidder, McLean, Sheridan, Stutsman, and Wells Counties;
  - e. An individual representing Burke, Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail, Ward, and Williams Counties; and
  - f. An individual representing Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sioux, Slope, and Stark Counties.
2. All board members other than the superintendent of public instruction must be qualified electors and must reside in one of the counties they represent.
3. The governor shall appoint new board members from a list of names submitted by a committee consisting of the president of the North Dakota education association, the president of the North Dakota council of educational leaders, and the president of the North Dakota school boards association. Two of the state board members must be members of the North Dakota school boards association.
4. Appointees serve for six-year terms, staggered so that the terms of two members expire on June thirtieth of each even-numbered year.
5. If a vacancy occurs, the governor shall appoint an individual to serve for the duration of the unexpired term.
6. Each member of the board is entitled to receive, from the biennial appropriation for the superintendent of public instruction, compensation in the amount of sixty-two dollars and fifty cents per day and reimbursement for expenses, as provided by law for state officers, if the member is attending board meetings or performing duties directed by the board. The compensation provided for in this section may not be paid to any member who receives a salary or other compensation as an employee or official of this state if the individual is serving on the board by virtue of the individual's state office or state employment.
7. The superintendent of public instruction shall serve as the executive director and secretary of the board. The superintendent shall call meetings as necessary, carry out the policies of the board, and employ personnel necessary to perform the board's duties.
8. The board shall annually elect one member to serve as the chairman.

**15.1-01-02. Joint meetings - State board of public school education - State board of higher education - Education standards and practices board - State board for career and technical education.**

The state board of public school education, the state board of higher education, the education standards and practices board, and the state board for career and technical education shall meet together at least once each year at the call of the superintendent of public instruction, the commissioner of higher education, the executive director of the education standards and practices board, and the director of career and technical education for the purposes of:

1. Coordinating elementary and secondary education programs, career and technical education programs, and higher education programs;
2. Establishing high standards and expectations of students at all levels of the education continuum;
3. Ensuring that all students have access to challenging curricula;
4. Ensuring that the individuals instructing students at all levels of the education continuum are highly qualified and capable;
5. Cooperating in the provision of professional growth and development opportunities for individuals instructing students at all levels of the education continuum; and
6. Ensuring cooperation in any other jointly beneficial project or program.

**15.1-01-03. State board of public school education - Powers and duties.**

1. The state board of public school education shall:
  - a. Assist county committees in carrying out their duties.
  - b. Provide county committees with clerical assistance, plans of procedure, standards, data, maps, forms, and other materials, information, and services.
  - c. Appoint members to the county committee, if the county superintendent does not fulfill this duty, as provided for in section 15.1-10-01.
2. The state board of public school education may adopt rules regarding school district reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions.